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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN CHARGE VISITS THE DEPARTMENT ON
CORRIDOR TO SEA AND WAR FEARS IN THE ANDES

1. BOLIVIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES CARIAGA CALLED AT DEPARTMENT
TODAY AND LEFT WITH DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ANDEAN AFFAIRS A
NOTE TRANSMITTING OFFICIAL VERSION OF PRESIDENT BANZER'S
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE STATING GOB POSITION WITH REGARD TO
NEGOTIATIONS FOR CORRIDOR TO THE SEA.

2. COVERING NOTE SUMMARIZED GOB POSITION AS RATIFYING
"ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF PEACE, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND
DEVELOPMENT" THROUGH "FREE AND FULLY SOVERIGN ACCESS TO THE
PACIFIC OCEAN", AND SAID "BOLIVIA PROPOSES THE MODIFICATION
OF CHILE'S POSITION WHICH CALLS FOR A TERRITORIAL EXCHANGE
AND A MODIFICATION OF PERU'S REPLY WHICH CALLS FOR THE
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ESTABLISHMENT OF A TERRITORY UNDER SHARED SOVEREIGNTY BASED
ON THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY
AMONG NATIONS". NOTE ADDED THAT CHILE AND PERU HAVE AGREED
THAT PERTINENT DIALOGUE LEADING TO MORE CONSTRUCTIVE
SOLUTIONS MUST NOT BE INTERRUPTED.

3. CHARGE THEN INVITED COMMENTS ON "GENERAL SITUATION" IN ANDEAN REGION AND MADE CLEAR HE REFERRED TO RECENT WAVE OF

WAR-SCARE RUMORS. DEPARTMENT OFFICER SAID WE WERE INDEED AWARE OF AND ATTENTIVE TO RUMORS AND REPORTS CURRENTLY CIRCULATING BUT ADDED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SOLID BASIS FOR CONSIDERING OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IMMINENT. HE LAMENTED TENSIONS GENERATED BY PREVALENCE OF SUCH RUMORS AND DEPLORED IMPETUS WHICH THIS CAN AFFORD TO DIVERSION OF NATIONAL RESOURCES FROM CAUSE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO BUILD-UP OF ARMS.

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